Subject: Docket #2021-P-W-0012 Norman Singer application

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

I am a full-time resident of number 26 Lake Comegys, one of 28 townhomes that are part of the Lake Comegys Association of Owners.

As a beautiful and peaceful, small body of water, Lake Comegys provides a welcoming habitat to a wide range of wildlife both seasonal and year round. These include hooded mergansers, herons, cormorants, mallards, ibis and a large population of resident turtles, to name a few. The environment along the shores also contains beautiful, protected plant species such as the hibiscus that bloom in the summertime. This primarily is the effort of SOLA3 and the Lake Comegys HOA working together to have a former DELDOT right of way converted to a conservation easement. The Singer plan violates the terms of that conservation easement. Together, all aspects of this environment create an overall balance toward a healthy and alive atmosphere for the wildlife and the good and enjoyment of all homeowners surrounding Lake Comegys.

Mr. Singer's application proposes to build a large gangway, floating dock and pier that projects 21' into what appears to be public subaqueous lands of Lake Comegys. It would be a private structure on public land for the sole purpose of an individual owner's use and enjoyment, ignoring environmental issues and needs of adjoining owners. It would significantly disrupt the delicate balance of the Lake Comegys that makes it an enjoyable, environmentally healthy habitat.

If approved, Mr. Singer's dock could set a precedent for 43 other property owners to apply for the right to build large structures on the shores of Lake Comegys.

As pointed out by Sallie Forman, President and Founder of SOLA3, "DNREC's Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section (WSLS) states that 'both public and private wetlands are protected by federal and state laws because of their exceptional value to society. Maintaining wetland functions is essential to protecting the public."

I respectfully request that the Singer application be denied. Peggy Douglas, Lake Comegys Resident